

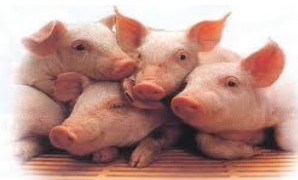
# Army MEPRS Program Office Newsletter

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## Bacon's Bits



There are several holidays and events that are celebrated in March, Ides of March, St. Patrick Day, Worship of Tools Day (guys you can relate to this one), but one that particularly caught my eye (for an obvious reason) is National Pig Day. National Pig Day was created by a Texas art teacher in 1972 whose intent was to recognize and be thankful for pigs as intelligent domestic animals. But yet, this day is celebrated by consuming large amounts of pork. Maybe it's just me, but that is just wrong!

We received a lot of positive feedback from the MEPRS RM Intern Training Class. The interns are smart and eager to learn. They asked a lot of questions on financial reconciliations, how the MEPRS data is used, how the data can benefit them at the MTF, etc. I expect the interns will come to you, as the MEPRS analyst at your MTFs, asking for more detailed information and data.

The Army is expanding our Embedded Behavioral Health (EBH) Program. EBH is a key component of Behavioral Health System of Care Campaign Plan that is intended to further standardize and optimize the vast array of behavioral health policies and procedures across Army Medical Command. The EBH program was piloted at Fort Carson and because of its success, the program is expanding to several additional installations to include Fort Stewart, Schofield Barracks, Fort Bragg, Fort Bliss, Fort Drum and Fort Knox. AMPO is currently working with the MEDCOM EBH team to ensure compliance with our MEPRS business rules. Currently, the only MEPRS Code we have established for EBH is BFD4.

Thank you for what you do and remember – The harder you work, the harder it is to surrender. - Vince Lombardi

Please check out our new website at: <http://ampo.amedd.army.mil>

Have a great month!



## BEST-OF-THE-BEST

Army Medical Treatment Facilities (MTF) MEPRS Office personnel are known for their dedication and meticulous performance of their duties. This is evident when reviewing the compliance with requirements placed on them from within their commands along with those imposed by MEDCOM.

MTF Ranking is based on point values assessed for compliance with current FY EAS Timeliness, Defense Medical Human Resource System internet (DMHRSi) Timecard Compliance, Financial Reconciliation submission, Narrative submission, Discrepancies for FY07-FY12 (AMPO Discrepancies, and Unauthorized FTE's), and un-validated discrepancies on the Advice and Assist Reports generated as a result of MEWACS data population. Contact your AMPO analyst for additional details on the ranking methodology.

### MEDCEN:

FT. HOOD  
DIANE PAPKE & STAFF  
EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS!

### BEDDED:

FT. JACKSON  
SEVERN JACKSON & STAFF  
CONGRATULATIONS!

### UNBEDDED:

FT. LEAVENWORTH  
LINDA HIXON & STAFF  
AWESOME JOB!

## GFEBS Parsing Reports

GFEBS Parsing reports are showing an increased number of records with Funds Centers that are not MTF Funds Centers. The records with the 74ZZ Funds Center are due to payments made under the Prompt Payment Act. When an MTF is delinquent in making contract payments, MEDCOM is paying the late fees. When MEDCOM makes these payments, they have to show the site (Funds Center) for which they are making the payment. When this happens, GFEBS automatically generates an entry in GFEBS for your MTF, but because the Funds Center is different from the MTF Funds Center the parsing routine identifies this as a discrepancy/error in the parsing report.

These funds should not be reported as MTF funds because they are not MTF funds and should not be reported in EASi.

Many others are due to WBS Elements created for external customers to use when ordering medical supplies through the DMLSS. When the external customer is using their funds to make the purchase, the record should not be accepted into EASi.

If the MTF provides Class 8 Medical Supply support to a Battalion Aid Station and/or equivalent sick call operation using MTF DHP Core Funding and there is no reimbursement, then the MEPRS code of FCGT should be used to report these costs.

### Business Rules:

1. If the related expense is our money (our fund center) the Cost Center or WBS must have:
  - a. DMIS ID
  - b. MEPR Code
  - c. EASi indicator
2. If it is not MTF DHP Core funding/not our fund center (such as with National Guard), the WBS element should **not** have the EASi indicator checked, the YEXT MEPRS code and MTF DMIS ID should be used

## MTF Admin Progress Report (MAPR)

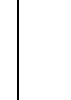
The Command Management System (CMS) provides a summary view of metrics to determine the health of your region or facility. The very popular MAPR is a grade-based representation of metrics in key business areas and one of the data quality metrics within the MAPR is the MEPRS metric entitled "Percent of Facilities Reporting by Suspense Date". This metric has been included in the MAPR for several years; however, in viewing the FY11 charted data for this metric, the data is only populated through July FY11. The months April, May and June FY11 are missing and displaying a zero. AMPO is working with OTSG to resolve this issue and have the data refreshed within the next couple of weeks. To learn more about CMS and the MAPR, please use the link below. The MAPR is located under the Formatted Reports on the CMS home page.

<https://cms.mods.army.mil/cms/protected/default.aspx>

## Issue importing STANFINS to EAS IV caused by SUEE 4601

During December 2011 end-of-the-month MEPRS processes, AMPO assisted some MTFs with importing the STANFINS file to EAS. The import was unsuccessful due to an error message being generated by the system in reference to SUEE 4601. The root cause of the issue was that SUEE 4601 was removed from the Army SUEE Table with the last fiscal year purged – 2006 on the weekend of 11-12 February. SUEE 4601 is not a valid SUEE on the Army SUEE table for any fiscal year remaining in the EAS database (2007-2012). Therefore, the fiscal year check that allowed Army sites to import it (when it saw it on an old referential table) and then fix it in the ECU is no longer permitted since that table was purged.

Consequently, sites are authorized to manually delete the SUEE 4601 row on the STANFINS file, save the document, and import it to EAS. The deletion will not cause problems with Financial Reconciliation; however, the recommendation is to annotate the deletion on the monthly narrative for AMPO's visibility.



Question: I have a civilian physician's record that will not cost. I've re-flagged it and run distribute labor cost again and it still will not cost. What is causing the problem?

Answer: With the implementation of the new pay plan for civilian physicians and dentists, we have found records that will not cost. The root cause is the "Pay System Code". To find out if that is the cause, go into Discoverer Viewer and run payroll actuals on the employee. Look under the pay system code column and if you see "NS", the pay period will not cost. When this happens, contact your AMPO analyst for assistance.

We are working to resolve the problem and will let you know when it's been corrected in the system.